

CHARLES STONE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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Age: 43

Occupation: Councilmember/Business Owner

In 2013, I was elected to the Belmont City Council and in 2017, I was honored to serve as mayor. In addition to my work over the past four years on the City/Schools 2x2x2 Committee, Senior Advisory Committee, Infrastructure Committee, and Zoning Ordinance Subcommittee, I chair both the San Mateo County Transit District and the San Mateo County Library JPA Boards. I am also a member of the Caltrain Joint Powers Board and the Peninsula Clean Energy Board.

My wife, two daughters, and I have lived in Belmont since 2004. Prior to running for City Council, I served as the Endowment Chair on the School-Force Board of Directors and as a volunteer coach for Belmont-Redwood Shores AYSO, Belmont-Redwood Shores Youth Softball Association, and M&M Sports.

I graduated from Hillsdale High School, received my bachelor's degree from UC San Diego and attained my law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law. I have been a practicing attorney since 2003 and have run my own law practice in Belmont since 2012.

For the past four years I have enjoyed serving with councilmembers who value civility in local government and have shown how collaboration, consideration, and cooperation produce progress. We are experiencing smart and measured growth along the transit corridor and the right-sizing of single family home zoning has allowed families to make reasonable home improvements. Our infrastructure is being upgraded and we will improve half the roads in Belmont within five years. Our economy has been strengthened by the addition of new restaurants, new hotels, a revenue-producing digital sign, Crystal Springs Uplands Middle School (which contributes \$250,000.00 per year in city revenue,) and the remodeled Autobahn Motors. Several years of hard work and partnership with our commissioners and constituents has resulted in the creation of the Belmont Village Specific Plan, a roadmap for the private sector to help build the downtown that Belmont residents deserve. Recreation opportunities are expanding with all-weather turf soon to be installed at the Sports Complex, a brand new Davey Glen Park, community use of the CSUS field, and planned improvements to O'Donnell Park. Belmont continues to be an incredibly safe place to live, work, and play thanks to the women and men of the Belmont Police and Fire Departments.

It is a privilege to serve you on City Council. I respectfully ask for your vote so that I can continue working hard to make Belmont the community we all enjoy and deserve.